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- The airfield at Turmu-Severin is located three kilometers northeast of Turmu-Severin reilroad station and 1.5 kilometers north of the Bembe River. The Topolnita River runs 400 meters east of the east certor of the airfield and 950 meters east of the south corner of the field. The field is obleng, the longer side running from southwest to mortheast. It is 2,600 meters long and 1,400 meters wide.
- 2. The airfield has no regular runway. A temperary runway of rolled siag and bitmen has been laid out. The direction of the runway is southwest-northeast. Fifty meters west of the temporary runway a 50-meter wide runway is under construction. The stone foundation, massadem, and reinforced concrete have aiready been laid down. The southern 500 meters of the runway have been finished. The remaining 500 meters are still under construction. It is planned to finish this concrete runway by the fall of 1955.
- The parking area for airplanes is in the northwest corner of the field in front of the hangars. It is 500 meters long, 80-100 meters wide, and asphalted. There is no taxiway.
- 4. The 58th Combined Aviation Regiment, of the following:

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- a. Headquarters company;
- b. Signal company with radar, radio, and signal flare platoons;
- antiaircraft battery (37 mm. antiaircraft guns);
- d. Maintenance platoon;
- e. Supply company with transportation and medical units:

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- f. Two close-support squadrons; and
- g. Fighter squadron.
- 5. The aviation park has YAK-9 and IL-10 planes. The strength of the regiment is 650 men. There is one maintenance battalion consisting of four companies. The guard company is equipped with three 12.7 mm. antiaircraft machine gums.
- 6. A branch of TARON, Rumanian civilian airline, carries on civilian traffic with IL-12/a, 27-passenger planes, and YAK-16, 10-passenger planes. The TARON traffic office is located 350 meters north of the west corner of the airfield. This office also has a garage for busses. There are two concrete sheds west of the TARON traffic building, each 16 by 8 meters in dimension. The north shed contains gascline drums for TARON. The southern shed is a storehouse. TARON has its own radio station in its traffic office building.
- 7. Airfield headquarters is located in the north corner of the field. It is 30 by 15 meters in dimension, has two stories, and a flat roof with a fivemeter high control tower. There are four hangars, two of which are 60 by 20 meters in dimension, with steel framework, brick walls, and corrugated metal sheet roofs. The other two hangars, 85 by 55 meters, are south of the other two, have concrete framework, flat concrete roofs, and sheet steel doors.
- 8. The barracks unit is located 150 meters from the northwest corner and covers an area of 200 by 150 meters. It consists of four two-story and two one-story buildings, as well as garages and storerooms.
- 9. The airfield is completely surrounded by barbed wire. The barracks unit is similarly fensed. There is no dispersal area.
- 10. The radio station is in the headquarters building. The antenna erected on the flat roof is of the unbrella type, on a four-meter high metal pole. The diameter of the antenna is 2,5 meters. There is no radar station, but there are two mobile units on the airfield. There is said to be a radar station on the chain of hills west of the airfield. The screen there is reported to be eight meters long by three meters wide, and made of wire and metal plates. No details are available.
- 11. The meteorological station in the airfield headquarters building has a windsock and tachometer on the flat roof of the building.
- 12. The central fuel depot, 80 by 50 meters, is in the northern third of the west side of the field, surrounded by barbed wire. It has two underground tanks with a probable capacity of 10 carloads. There are three tank trucks on the airfield to service planes.
- 13. The sumunition depot, 50 by 50 meters, is east of the east corner of the airfield and of the Topolnita River. It consists of three 8 by 10 meter underground storage tanks with concrete walls and wooden roofs, surrounded by barbed wire. No further details are available.
- 14. There are concrete antiaircraft gun emplacements northeast of the north side; west of the center of the west side; and 250 meters northwest of the south corner of the airfield. Dirt gun emplacements are located 400

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meters southwest of the north corner; 100 meters west of the west corner; and 100 meters south of the south corner of the airfield.

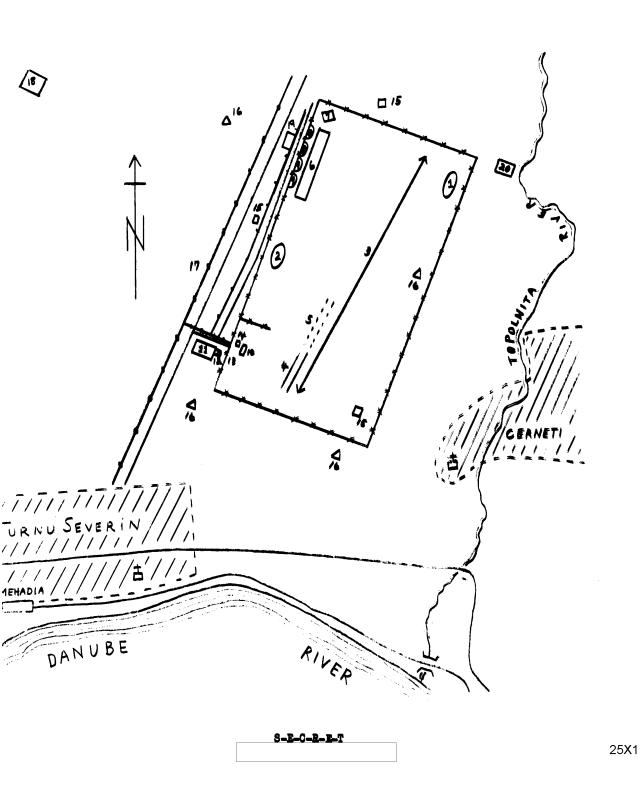
- 15. Four searchlights, reported to be 1,800 millimeters, are mounted on Mann trucks. The mountain ranges on the west and northeast are lighted with neon lights. The line of the Dammbe River is marked by red meon lights, directed upwards to prevent flight deviations away from Rumanian territory.
- 16. A branch road, 360 meters northeast of the west corner of the airfield, leads to the field from the road between Turnu-Severin and Targu Jiu. The road has two branches, one to the civilian and one to the military part of the field. There is no branch railroad.
- 17. Electricity is supplied by the Turnu-Severin electric power plant. The overhead wire is on the west side of the road between Turnu-Severin and Targu Jiu. The branch to the field is west of the barracks unit.
- 18. The following is a legend for the attached sketch:
 - 1. Parking places for large (close-support) aircraft
 - 2. Parking places for fighters
 - 3. Relled temperary runway
 - 4. Completed section of the new concrete runner
 - 5. Part of the runway under construction
 - 6. Asphalted parking area
 - 7. Headquarters building
 - 8. Old hangare
 - 9. Now hangers
 - 10. TARCH traffic office building
 - 11. Barracks unit
 - 12. TAROM garage
 - 13. Air police guardhouse
 - 14. TAROM storage house
 - 15. Concrete antiaircraft gun emplacemente
 - 16. Dirt antiaircraft gem emplacements
 - 17. Electric power line
 - 18. Permanent radar station
 - 19. Central fuel depot
 - 20. Ammunition and bomb depot

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